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Re: Emergency Drought Permit No. G4-32969-05

In accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.83B.405, on March 10, 2005, it was ordered and determined by the Director of the Department of Ecology that the State of Washington is under drought conditions. In accordance with the provisions of WAC 173-166-060, the Department of Ecology is under the terms of this Order, issuing an EMERGENCY DROUGHT PERMIT. The intent of this authorization is to alleviate hardships and reduce the burdens on water users arising from the drought conditions.

THIS AUTHORIZATION SHALL IN NO MANNER BE CONSTRUED TO GUARANTEE OR IMPLY THAT A FINAL (REGULAR) PERMIT WILL ISSUE FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE WATER USE HEREIN AUTHORIZED.

The Department of Ecology has agreed to fund the cost of the mitigation or offsets for the impacts associated with the drought emergency authorizations. Ecology is attempting to meet the essential irrigation needs of farmers growing perennial crops (such as orchard crops, grapes, hops, etc.) where the loss of irrigation water would permanently damage the crops. Through the use of emergency supplemental wells, Ecology is authorizing up to 80% of the usual irrigation water supply delivered by the irrigation districts. In a normal year, Roza Irrigation District (the District) is prepared to deliver 3 to 3.3 acre-feet of water per acre. 80% of 3.3 acre-feet is 2.6 acre-feet. The District is expected to deliver approximately 0.8 acre-feet of water. This will allow up to 1.8 acre-feet of water per acre, or 81 acre-feet for 45 acres of irrigation. However, an existing Certificate of Water Right (No. G4-29472C) is appurtenant to a portion of the property and authorizes a supplemental appropriation of ground water for irrigation when the normal Roza Irrigation District allotment is not available. Since Certificate of Water Right No. G4-29472C already authorizes an annual quantity of 27.2 acre-feet per year for irrigation, this authorization will allow up to 53.8 acre-feet.

This authorization is subject to the following limitations and provisions:

This authorization is for an existing well located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, T. 12 N., R. 20 E.W.M.

The instantaneous quantity of water to be withdrawn is limited to 250 gallons per minute. This quantity is not additive to the instantaneous quantity certificated under G4-29472C.

A total of 53.8 acre-feet of water is authorized under this emergency permit for the supplemental irrigation of 45 acres.

The place of use is described as follows:

The N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, T. 12 N., R. 20 E.W.M., Yakima County, Washington.



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A suitable flow meter approved by the Department of Ecology shall be installed and maintained in accordance with Chapter 173-173 WAC. (Installation, operation and maintenance requirements attached hereto.)

Whenever water is being withdrawn, bi-weekly (every two weeks) readings of the flow meter shall be recorded and maintained by the permittee. These readings shall be documented by time, date, withdrawal rate, and the person conducting the measurements. Copies of these records shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology by November 15, 2005.

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the records of water use that are kept to meet the above conditions, and to inspect at reasonable times any measuring device used to meet the above conditions.

Withdrawal of water under this authorization may be limited or otherwise regulated in favor of senior rights.

This drought emergency authorization expires on October 31, 2005.

This Order may be appealed pursuant to Chapter 43.21B RCW. Any person wishing to appeal this Order must file an appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board **within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order**. Send the appeal to: Pollution Control Hearings Board, PO Box 40903, Olympia, Washington 98504-0903. At the same time, a copy of the appeal **must** be sent to: Department of Ecology, Water Resources Appeals Coordinator, PO Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Flow Meter Requirements
 Your Right To Be Heard

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